

HOUSE BILL 1685
By Montgomery

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of new specialty earmarked license plates honoring Tennessee's volunteer firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Volunteer Firefighters;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Volunteer Firefighters new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The purpose of the new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section is to honor the many contributions of Tennessee's volunteer firefighters to protecting and maintaining the public health, safety and welfare.

(c) Such plates shall contain an appropriate design that depicts and honors Tennessee's volunteer firefighters. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with a representative of the Tennessee Volunteer Firefighters Association.

(d) The funds produced from the sale of such plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Volunteer Firefighters Association in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to benefit volunteer fire departments across the state.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.